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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A device for manufacturing packaging bags, comprising:

a first transport roller to pull a first film from a first feed roller, whereby the first film has first marks at a constant first interval (a),

a second transport roller to pull a second film from a second feed roller, whereby the second film has second marks at a constant second interval (a'),

a first servomotor that is connected with the first transport roller and with a first angle-of-rotation sensor,

a second servomotor that is connected with the second transport roller and with a second angle-of-rotation sensor,

a first sensor that is located upstream of and next to the first transport roller and scans the first marks, a second sensor that is located upstream of and next to the second transport roller and scans the second marks,

a control device which is connected with the first servomotor, the second servomotor, the first sensor, the second sensor, the first angle-of-rotation sensor and the second angle-of-rotation sensor, and which controls the first servomotor and the second servomotor so that a first mark and a second mark, having passed said first and second transport roller, come to coincide and at least one first buffer for at least one of said first and second film, the at least one first buffer being located downstream of said first and second transport roller.

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises: a first idle mechanism and a second idle mechanism that together form a narrow feed gap for the two films, said first and second idle mechanisms being located downstream of the first and second transport roller respectively and wherein the at least one first buffer is located downstream of said first and second idle mechanism.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the feed gap is wider than the sum of the thickness of the two films.

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4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein there are two first buffers wherein the device comprises a second buffer located downstream of said first and second transport rollers, said two first and second buffers being used for one of said films each.~~

5. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said two first buffers are coupled with each other.

6. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one first buffer is a tensioning system.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is one single first buffer, said single first buffer being used for both of said films.

8. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is at least one third sensor to measure the supply in said at least one first buffer.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absolute amount of the difference between the first distance (a) and the second distance (a') is greater than 0 but less than 0.1 times the first distance (a).

10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~respective second buffers are the device comprises a third and fourth buffer located upstream of the first and second transport rollers.~~

11. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first and second supply each have a drive mechanism which is controlled by a fourth sensor to measure the supply in the corresponding second buffer.

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13. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein it comprises a transverse sealing device downstream of the two idle mechanisms to form a transverse seal to connect the two films with each other.

14. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a second transverse sealing device is located next to a guide mechanism of the films that immediately follows the first transverse sealing device.

15. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the transverse sealing device is the first sealing device in a path passed by the two films from said feed rollers to said at least one first buffer, wherein said transverse sealing device is located downstream of said at least one first buffer.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the distance between the first and second sensors and the first and second idle mechanisms is adjustable.

17. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a blower nozzle to blow a stream of gas into the feed gap